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31 August

Soviet locomotive No. 6072 arrived in Iranian Dshulfa pulling five carloads of sugar whose weight was 39,737 kilos. This locomotive then returned to Soviet Dzhulfa pulling ten carloads of tobacco whose weight was 9,165.5 kilos, and two empty cars.

1 September

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubed to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Two passenger trains; one freight train composed of one tank car and 15 gondolas of which three were empty.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan and Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two trains composed of 23 boxcars, five tank cars, and 27 gondolas carrying coal; two trains at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubed to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Ten trucks, one jeep, one auto, and five soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Makhichevan and Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Eleven trucks, three autos, six jeeps, three motorcycles, and 50 soldiers.

Approximately 300 Soviet soldiers engaged in machine (un training at Dzhulfa.

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31 August

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 33 boxcars, one tank car, and 41 gondolas of which 24 carried timber, 13 carried 13 autos, and four were empty; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars,
40 boxcars, five tank cars, and 37 gondolas
of which 26 carried white soil, two carried
cases, one carried scrap iron, one carried
a motor, and seven were empty; two trains
at night.

#### 3. Khuda Afarin

1 September

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 21 boxcars, 22 tank cars, four carloads of soldiers, and 32 gondolas of which four carried four motors, 25 carried wood, and three were empty.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 39 boxcars, 66 empty gondolas, 24 tank cars, 14 passenger cars, and two gondolas carrying one crane and an iron pole.

#### 4. Astara

1 September

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Autara: Mine carts carrying telegraph poles, wood, and timber; 25 trucks carrying flour, lime, bricks, closed cases, and iron barrels.

Northbound road traffic, Astera to Lenkoran: Three jeeps carrying four civilians: 11 truckloads of stone and sand.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Three truckloads of armed soldiers; 15 trucks carrying cases, iron barrels, telegraph poles, and timber.

Eastbound road traffit, Masjed Mahalleh to Astera: Seven truckleads of stone and sand; four carts carrying sand and straw; two autos carrying three officers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Three trucks carrying 22 armed soldiers; five carts carrying telegraph poles.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Twenty armed soldiers on foot.

There was rocket, flare, and searchlight activity at night.

One gray Soviet warship equipped with an antiaircraft machine gum anchored off Soviet Astara.

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30 August

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Eight trains composed of 91 boxcars, 14 condolas carrying wood, four cars carrying rails, 18 passenger cars, and 154 tank cars; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Five trains composed of 97 boxcars, one gondola carrying wood, 16 carloads of Ford cars, 27 passenger cars, and two tank cars.

31 August

Hestbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Six trains composed of 19 boxcars, 56 gondolas carrying wood, 15 passenger cars, and 33 tank cars; four trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Four trains composed of 45 boxcars, two gondolas carrying wood and foodstuffs, 48 passenger cars, and five tank cars.

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